Production of Anti-TB Drug by Pfizer

185. SHRI (MOLONA) ASRARUL HAQ : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pfizer is licensed to produce PAS and its salts ;

(b) if so, what is the licensed capacity and what was the production during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the price fixed for PAS and its salts by Government along with the date of fixation of price ;

(d) names of the formulation based on these drugs being marketed by Pfizer and what is the price fixed for each pack of each formulation ;

(e) whether it is a fact that these are used by TB patients and in spite of its essentiality the Company is overcharging the prices ; and

(f) if so, what action was taken against the company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pfizer are licensed to produce 110 tonnes/annum of PAS and its salts. Their production of PAS is of the order of 12.06 tonnes in 1982-83, 3·67 tonnes in 1983-84 and 8·52 tonnes in 1984-85.

(c) and (d) The price fixed under the Drugs(Prices Control)Order, 1979 for Sodium PAS with effect from 25th September 1985 is Rs. 116.80 per kg. Leader prices as notified by the Government for PAS granuless 80% in 100mg. pack is Rs. 15.68 and in 1 kg bottle/Tin. is Rs. 142.33.

As per information available M/s Pfizer are selling these packs at Government fixed prices.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Production of Oxytetracycline

186. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) names of the companies who are licensed to produce Oxytetracyline along with licensed capacity and production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the stage from which each unit is producing this drug and what is the price fixed for this drug ;

(c) names of six major formulators of this drug along with name and composition of each formulation and price fixed for each pack strength of each brand ;

(d) whether it is a fact that certain formulators are either selling without price approval or overcharging the prices of their formulations ;

(e) if so, at what price each pack and strength of medicines based on this drug is being sold to the consumers ; and

(f) what action has been taken against the companies for overcharging or selling without price approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) M/s IDPL and Pfizer are licensed to produce 25 tonnes and 9 tonnes per annum of Oxytetracycline respectively from the basic stage. Details of production during the last three years, year-wise are as under :—

Name of the Company	(Production (Tonnes)		
	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
M/s. IDPL	49·72	20·50	49·20
M/s. Pfizer	69·85	84·49	86